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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA:

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I COMPLETED MY LATEST MISSION TO AFRICA YESTERDAY AND BEFORE MY RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES I WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON WHERE OUR INITIATIVE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA STANDS. I KNOW YOU WILL BE MEETING WITH SEVERAL OF THE FRONT LINE AND OTHER AFRICAN PRESIDENTS AND WANT YOU TO HAVE FOR YOUR OWN BACKGROUND A FULL PICTURE OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

3. DURING THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH I CONDUCTED WITH PRESIDENTS NYERERE AND KAUNDA, THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER AND IAN SMITH, WE DEVELOPED A FRAMEWORK FOR A SETTLEMENT FOR RHODESIA AND MADE PROGRESS TOWARDS A RESOLUTION OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM.

4. CONCERNING RHODESIA, WE PRESENTED TO IAN SMITH AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS RHODESIAN DELEGATION PROPOSALS WHICH WE AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DEVELOPED AND WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA. SMITH INDICATED HE INTENDED TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THIS

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EVENING IF HE OBTAINED THE APPROVAL OF HIS CABINET AND

PARTY CAUCUS. HIS STATEMENT WOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) THE RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE TO MAJORITY RULE IN TWO YEARS; (B) THEREAFTER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WHITE COMMUNITY AND THE RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS WILL NEGOTIATE THE FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL GOVERN RHODESIA UNTIL INDEPENDENCE; (C) THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WILL CONTAIN BOTH AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN MEMBERS BUT EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF A AFRICAN MAJORITY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. AN AFRICAN WOULD SERVE AS CHIEF MINISTER; (D) THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL ENACT ENABLING LEGISLATION AND FACILITATE THE PROCESS. IT WAS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE WAR IN RHODESIA SHOULD OF NECESSITY END ONCE THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT IS INSTALLED.

5. WITH RESPECT TO NAMIBIA, PROGRESS WAS MADE TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT. IN JUNE PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND NYERERE SUGGESTED AN AGREEMENT FOR NAMIBIA COULD BE ACHIEVED IF A DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS SET, THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE WAS MOVED TO GENEVA AND SWAPO WAS INCLUDED IN THE TALKS. WE HAVE INDUCED SOUTH AFRICA TO ACCEPT THEIR CONDITIONS. A DATE OF INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED; SOUTH AFRICA HAS AGREED TO ASSOCIATE THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE GENEVA TALKS. THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE AGREED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA AND TO COMMIT THEMSELVES IN ADVANCE TO THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE.

6. IN MY LAST LETTER TO YOU I SUGGESTED THE PROPOSALS WE WERE DISCUSSING HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES YOU HAVE SOUGHT. IF THE PROCESS IS CARRIED FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE SHOULD SUBSIDE AND THE CAUSE OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION WILL BE REMOVED. CERTAINLY OBSTACLES LIE AHEAD. IT CONTINUES TO BE MY JUDGMENT THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA SO THAT A SITUATION LIKE THAT WHICH TOOK PLACE IN ANGOLA DOES NOT REOCCUR.

7. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND MY PERSONAL WISHES TO YOU ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. I LOOK
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FORWARD TO STAYING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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